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Remarks

In the Office Action dated January 25, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and

2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by the U.S. Patent to Hofmann, et al. 5,744,210.

The Examiner rejected claims 24-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over

Hofmann, et al. The Examiner indicated that claim 31 would be allowed.

By this Amendment, Applicants' Attorney has taken the Examiner's suggestion

and has amended claim 22 to incorporate all the limitations of claim 31.

Consequently, in view of the above and in the absence of better art, Applicants'

Attorney respectfully submits the application is in condition for allowance which allowance is

respectfully requested.

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